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It is hereby requested that a <u>two</u>-month extension of time be granted in the above identified application from the <u>Restriction Requirement</u>, dated <u>May 19, 2006</u>, which extends the period for reply to <u>August 19, 2006</u>.

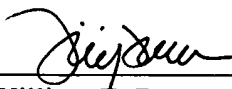This Extension of time is being requested for the purpose of filing:

☒ a response to the <u>Restriction Requirement</u> dated <u>May 19, 2006</u>.
☐ formal drawings.
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   ☐ (A timely response to the Final Rejection due _____ has been filed.)
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Respectfully submitted,

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